

## **TIPP CITY TREE BOARD**

**TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO    June 11, 2008**

### **Tree Board Meeting**

Chairman Rambeau called this meeting of the Tipp City Tree Board to order at 5:15 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

Members in attendance included: William Duff, Joanna Pittenger, and Tim Rambeau.

Also in attendance were Electric Tree Crew members John Montgomery and Dave Slife, and Board Secretary Marilyn Fennell. Also present were Daniel and Katherine Break, Phyllis Hale, and Janet Carpenter.

### **Minutes Approval** April 9, 2008

The minutes of the April 9, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Duff **moved to approve the minutes of April 9, 2008 as presented.** Mrs. Pittenger seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Citizens' Comments Not on the Agenda**

Phyllis Hale had several questions. She asked why the City Park trees were removed in the winter. Mr. Montgomery told her they had been marked earlier for removal and that was when they had time to do the work. She asked if the construction had caused them to die. Mr. Montgomery said it may have. Mr. Rambeau said it was the third year for the pool and there was some care taken to preserve the trees but it had not been successful. She asked if there had been someone supervising the job. Mr. Rambeau said there had been. Mr. Montgomery said the trees had also been fertilized to help but they did not survive. Mr. Duff thought there was work done to work around the trees to help preserve them. Mr. Rambeau thought a representative from Davey Tree Co. had also made some recommendations for the trees. The disturbance and the soil compaction affected them. Ms. Hale again mentioned Edsall's report regarding mulching and watering City Park trees and didn't the money received from the sale of wood go into a "slush" fund so that could happen. Mr. Rambeau thought the park grounds were aerated by Mr. Asher and fertilized. Once a tree dies it is a liability and must be removed to avoid injury. Mr. Duff said there was no such fund that she mentioned and the cost to water the trees in the park would be astronomical. Mr. Vagedes would be able to answer further questions regarding the parks as he is the Service Director.

Ms. Hale said she wanted to make another point about the N. Hyatt St. reconstruction and couldn't the trees across from her apartment be saved. It was again discussed that the road is being widened and sidewalk added and there are to be 44 trees planted

### **New Business**

Daniel & Katherine  
Break, 504 W. Dow  
Street- Remove 2  
trees by City

to replace 20 trees. Mr. Rambeau said better varieties will be planted for that roadway. They will not be in the electric lines so as to cause problems later on in time.

Ms. Hale also asked if the tree was going to be replaced that was struck by a truck on W. Main Street, east of the Veterans Memorial Park; and wasn't the driver held responsible. The police report would have to be checked.

Ms. Carpenter said she had a friend ask about the trees being removed near the pool and the friend's child was concerned about the park looking like the Strawberry Festival site if the trees were removed. They thought trees were disappearing rapidly all over Tipp City. The Board assured Ms. Carpenter that was not occurring; dead/dangerous trees are removed and trees are replanted. In City Park the Milner Fund allows a few trees to be planted each year. Mr. Rambeau aid on Arbor Day at least 2 trees have been planted in Kyle Park for a number of years.

Ms. Hale wanted to make another point. She asked that the City do more public awareness on the plantings and the positive work going on. She thought all the public saw was the removal of trees and she thought it would help a levy pass.

The Breaks were in attendance so they were moved upon the agenda. Mr. Rambeau said the one tree had been tied together by the City. Mr. Break said they are the two oldest trees on that side of their street. The others have been replaced with younger trees. The one is being taken down by the City crew and the other one they had trimmed but it is not in good condition. He also asked the timeline for replanting new ones. Mr. Rambeau said there is probably not room for two trees and it takes about 2 - 3years for Silver Maple roots to deteriorate. Mr. Break asked if a container tree could be put there. Mr. Rambeau said maybe if they wanted to put in a smaller containerized tree in the interim; that would be okay. Mr. Asher could give the best location. Mrs. Break thought towards the east side would be best. Mr. Slife said he had been able to insert a stake some distance into the upper trunk of the second tree. Mr. Duff said he was there when Mr. Slife did that and the tree is hollow and the stick came out wet. It is progressively getting worse. Mrs. Pittenger said she agreed that it should be removed. The Breaks said they had the tree trimmed up but it is still dying.

The Board agreed that the City crew should continue to remove the second tree also. Mr. Rambeau said a year from this fall would be a good time to take a look at a replanting. Mr. Break asked if there was a way to accelerate the root deterioration. Mr. Montgomery said the Silver Maple just takes time. The stump will

	be ground out but it will take some time and fill added to the area of the root system.
Eleanor Gay, 27 S. Fourth Street- Removal by City	The next application was from Eleanor Gay, 27 S. Fourth Street. The Board agreed that when the sidewalk is repaired, the roots need to be inspected and removal will be based on that determination.
Brenda Hickley, 532 S. Third St. – Removal by City	The tree at 532 S. Third was completely dead and has already been removed by the Tree Crew.
Glen Bridenbaugh, 536 S. Third- Removal by City	Glen Bridenbaugh, 536 S. Third applied for removal by City. Mr. Rambeau said the tree appears to be 50% dead and it is an ash tree. There did appear to be sidewalk and curb damage. The Board agreed for removal by City and possible replanting in 2010.
Mark Nagley, 135 E. Main Street- Planting by City	Mr. Asher needs to check the root system in the cutout area and see if one can be planted in the fall. Mr. Rambeau said the Crimson Sentry Maple is not a good tree for that area, due to the branches that would eventually grow out over the roadway and sidewalk. A more columnar, smaller variety would be recommended.
Shirley Rawlins, 394 Miles Ave.- Removal by Owner	A late application by Shirley Rawlins, 394 Miles Avenue was for removal of an ash tree by Owner. The Board agreed that all the trees on that street need good trimmings and they will do much better. Mr. Duff said the trees are assets to the street and they would all benefit if they were deadwooded.
Container trees	Mr. Rambeau said he was continuing to work on this project and hoped he would have something at a later date. Mr. Duff suggested some people that Mr. Rambeau could talk to regarding what they did in Yellow Springs.
Review of Ordinance §97.25- List of approved trees	The revised list of trees is to be passed onto staff for an ordinance revision by Council.
Tree Bd. pamphlet revision	Once the approved list of trees is finalized, the pamphlet will be revised for distribution. The addition of the Emerald Ash Borer information looks fine.
<b>Old Business</b>	
Arbor Day	2008 Arbor Day events were included in the Board's packets. Mr. Rambeau said things went well with the visits to the First Graders. He said he was impressed with the questions from the students. Mr. Duff appreciated the attendance of the Tipp Foundation members, Mayor Evans, and others at the Arbor Day plantings in Kyle Park.
Tree City USA	John Montgomery and Board member Joanna Pittenger

**Miscellaneous  
Business**

represented the City at the Annual Tree City USA Awards. They enjoyed a nice program and meal and received the 24<sup>th</sup> annual award for the City. Mrs. Pittenger said the park in Oakwood was beautiful.

A Memorial Tree application was received recently for Kyle Park. Mrs. Fennell said there will also be something in the next *Tippecanews* inserted into the utility bills regarding the Memorial Tree program.

Information on the America In Bloom Symposium and Awards had been included in the packets if the members were interested in attending.

Mr. Rambeau asked that a letter be sent to the owners of 401 S. Hyatt as they have planted a tree that is not a desirable curb tree and they did not apply to Tree Board. He would also like Dolly Inc. notified that they need to replace the trees that they removed a couple of years ago.

**Next Meeting  
Date  
Adjournment**

The next meeting will be August 13, 2008 at 5:15pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Pittenger, seconded by Mr. Duff and unanimously approved.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Rambeau, Board Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Fennell, Board Secretary